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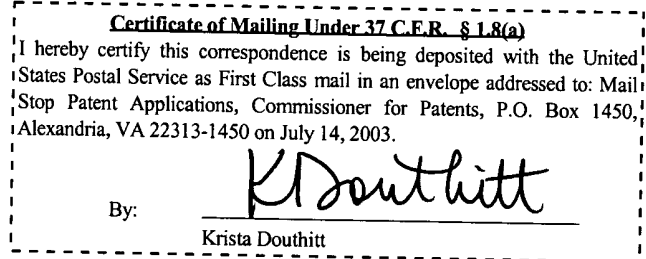
For: **System and Method for Data
Entry of Cluster Analysis**

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On page one, before the BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION, please insert the following paragraph:

--This application is a divisional of application number 09/584,593,
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